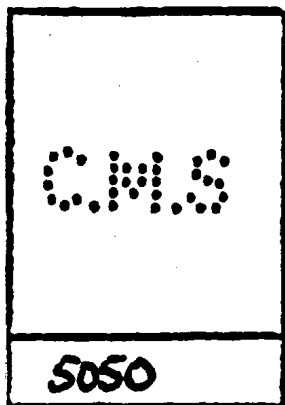


## THE ROYAL NIGER COMPANY CHARTERED & LIMITED

In 1975 (Bulletin 159) and 1978 (Bulletin 177), MIKE J BURROWS wrote two articles about The Royal Niger Company and the use of QV stampi perfined C.M.S (C5050.01) for the Church Missionary Society and U<sup>n</sup>/C<sup>o</sup> (U1420.02 and U1420.01) for the Union Steamship Co Ltd.

(These perfins have been correctly identified since 1975)

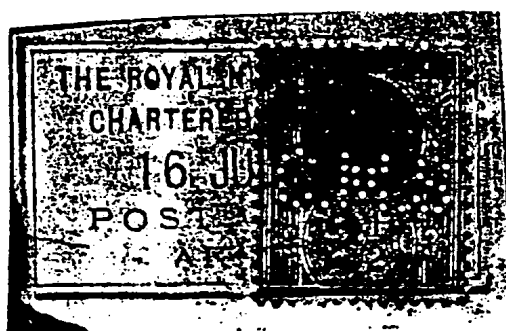


The C.M.S die is quite a common perfin used in this country but copies from west Africa, postmarked AKASSA, and later BURUTU, are difficult to find.

Mike gives dates of the C.M.S perfined 2½d (SG 201) postmarked with the rubber stamp of the Royal Niger Company - AKASSA - as 11 DEC 95 and 22 JUL 97; and the 5d (SG 207a) as 24 JUL 96 and 7 JAN 96. The 2½d with postmark of the Royal Niger Company - BURUTU - as 3 AUG 1898.

These rubber handstamps illustrated in SG Part 1 under Niger Coast Protectorate.

KIM BJARNT has sent the following illustration from a sale catalogue in Denmark.



It is a cut out piece showing the whole of the handstamp of The Royal Niger Company Chartered & Limited POST OFFICE AKASSA and the date is earlier than those mentioned by Mike Burrows - namely 16 JUL 95. Perhaps in the 20 odd years since those two articles were published by our Society, more dates and values have been found. Please write in if you can add further information

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